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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Art Unit:
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Jean-Jacques CLAISSE et al)
) Washington, D.C.
U.S. App. No.: 09/960,647)
) February 28, 2002
National Filing Date: 09/24,2001)
)
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A..) Docket No.: CLAISSE=2

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination upon the merits, kindly amend
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

A1
23. (Amended) --The section claimed in claim 18
wherein said weakened area has an oblong section.--

[Please add the following new claims:]

A2
25. (New) --The section claimed in claim 19 wherein
said weakened area has an oblong section.--

26. (New) --The section claimed in claim 20 wherein
said weakened area has an oblong section.

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27. (New) --The section claimed in claim 21 wherein
said weakened area has an oblong section.--